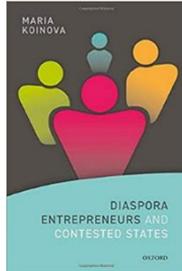


Invitation to Brown Bag Lecture Series "Displacement and Development"
Book launch for *Diaspora Entrepreneurs and Contested States*
Professor Dr Maria Koinova

29 March 2022; 12:30-14:00 CET
Online via Zoom



Diaspora Entrepreneurs and Contested States, published by Oxford University Press (2021), develops a theory of socio-spatial positionality and its implications for the individual agency of diaspora entrepreneurs, moving beyond essentialized notions of diasporas as groups. It examines four types of diaspora entrepreneurs based on their socio-spatial linkages to *de facto* states (Kosovo, Palestine and Nagorno-Karabakh) and adjacent fragile states. Moreover, it demonstrates how diaspora entrepreneurs interact with host-land foreign policies, homeland governments, parties, non-state actors, and critical events from different global contexts. The book is informed by 300 interviews among the Albanian, Armenian, and Palestinian diasporas connected to *de facto* states, Kosovo, Nagorno-Karabakh, and Palestine respectively with interviews conducted in the UK, Germany, France, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, Brussels in Belgium, as well as Kosovo and Armenia in the European neighbourhood. This large-scale fieldwork among hard-to-reach diaspora populations in Europe offers a systematic comparative analysis of diaspora lobbying in Europe. The contents of this book has relevant implications on current events and will be of interest to researchers as well as policy makers.

Professor Dr Maria Koinova is a Professor in International Relations at the Politics and International Studies Department at the University of Warwick and an Associate Senior Fellow at the Centre for Global Cooperation Research at the University of Duisburg in Germany. She successfully completed as Principal Investigator a large-scale European Research Council Starting Grant Project "Diasporas and Contested Sovereignty" (2012-2017). Professor Koinova's research interests span international relations, comparative politics, and international political sociology and focus on how migration, diasporas and ethno-national diversity impact on the political development of conflict and post-conflict societies. Her research programmes encompass ethno-national and intra-state conflict, diasporas and contested sovereignty, and international politics of migration. She also currently holds a seat on the governing board of the EU Jean Monnet Network "Between the EU and Russia".

To participate in the event, please register under the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkdOqvpi8iGdI0dy0KVxwGoUGvWmun4lQZ>

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